

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re A	application of:	ORIGINAL PAR
QIN, E	CT AL.	) Art Unit: 1713
Serial	No.: <b>09/531,247</b>	) ) Examiner: Wilson, D.
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# RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction/Election mailed September 21, 2001 and the Communication mailed February 14, 2002, Applicants request further examination in light of the following remarks.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

### I. Formal Matters:

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action requires restriction between the following groups of claims:

#### **CERTIFICATION OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on March 14, 2002.

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